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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Records Access Officer United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 290 Broadway, 26th Fl. New York, NY 10007-1866

Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Request

Cayuga County Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site ["Site"]

Dear Records Access Officer:

RE:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") 5 U.S.C. § 552, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ("USEPA's") implementing regulations, 40 C.F.R. Part 2, it is hereby requested that you make available for inspection and copying the following documents and records ("records"). This request involves USEPA records relating to the former Powerex Facility, on West Genesee St. in the Town of Aurelius, New York ("Powerex Facility") and the General Electric Company ("GE").

The following records in the USEPA's possession, custody or control are sought for production and review:

1. All correspondence between the United States Geological Survey ("USGS") and USEPA with regard to the Powerex Facility and/or GE, and/or records relating to the potential source of contamination at the Site, from January 2008 to December 2012, including, but not limited to, reports, memoranda and emails.

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- 2. All correspondence between the USEPA and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") with regard to the Powerex Facility and/or GE, and/or records relating to the potential source of contamination at the Site from January 2008 to December 2012, including but not limited to reports, memoranda, and emails.
- 3. All documents relied on by USEPA in making the determination that GE and Powerex, Inc. are potentially responsible parties pursuant to the USEPA letter dated April 1, 2011, demanding reimbursement for costs associated with the Site.
- 4. All correspondence between USEPA and the law firm of Faraci Lange LLP, Rochester, New York with regard to the Site and/or GE and/or the Powerex Facility.
- 5. All correspondence between USEPA and the Village of Union Springs with regard to the Site, and/or GE and/or the Powerex Facility.

For the purpose of this FOIA request, the term "document" or "documents" or "records" shall be interpreted expansively and shall mean and include, without limitation, any written, typed, recorded, transcribed, printed, taped, photographic, computer or graphic matter or materials, including without limitation, memoranda, reports, applications, requests, correspondence, communications, electronic mail messages, notes, letters, studies, statements, budgets, working papers, agendas, attendance sheets, minutes, analyses, etc. within the custody, possession or control of USEPA. USEPA's custody, possession or control of records is expansive and includes records that may be in the possession of USEPA's consultants, contractors or other agents working on the USEPA's behalf. Different versions of the same document, drafts and documents with or without handwritten notations or marks not found on the original or copies shall be deemed to be different documents, each subject to production under this FOIA request.

As you know, USEPA has twenty (20) working days to respond to this request. Please advise me when the documents to which access is hereby sought will be available for review. We agree to pay for all reproduction costs, should we decide to request copies.

If you conclude that any of the material requested is privileged or exempt from public inspection, please identify which records you believe fall in that category and the reasons for your belief. Please identify those documents with sufficient specificity to permit administrative or judicial review.

Please advise me when the requested documents will be available for inspection and copying.

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Thank you for your assistance and attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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